SRI K. PRABHAKAR.—(Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj?)

(*a*) Government have not discriminated between the Small/ Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers residing in Municipal and Rural areas. The S.F.D.A. Programmes are applicable to all the above categories as per rules irrespective of the areas.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Cultivating Tank Bed Area in Bangarpet Taluk

989 SRI C. VENKATESHAPPA. (Bethamangala).—Will the Minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a few powerful Landlords are cultivating Tank Bed Area in Bangarpet Taluk.

(*b*) if so, what action the Government proposed to take against them?

SRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA (Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Action has been taken to evict the unauthorised cultivators and penalise them as per the Irrigation Act.

Survey of Small Irrigation Tanks at Huvinahippargi Village.

1054 SRI B.S. PATIL (Huvinahippargi).—Will the Minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government is aware that survey had been conducted for Minor tanks in Huvinahippargi Village, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk;

(*b*) if so its present stage?

SRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA.—(Minister for Minor Irrigation.)

(*a*) The survey has been conducted for Minor tanks in the said village.

(*b*) It is found that the water to be stored in the tank is not useful for irrigation purposes. However, the analysis of the water is being conducted.

Absence of the Ministers

SRI B.B. SAYANAK—Sir, three Ministers are absent today. One is Sri Bangarappa, another is Chief Ministers and the third is Sri R. S. Patil. You said that the questions pertaining to two Ministers